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Globalization and interdependence

Report of the Second Committee*

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1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 21 September 2007, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its sixty-second session the item entitled:

"Globalization and interdependence:

"(a) Globalization and interdependence;

"(b) Science and technology for development;

"(c) Preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of assets of illicit origin and returning such assets, in particular to the countries of origin, consistent with the United Nations Convention against Corruption"

and to allocate it to the Second Committee.

2. The Second Committee held a substantive debate on the item at its 19th and 20th meetings, on 31 October and 1 November 2007. An account of the Committee's discussion of the item is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/62/SR.19 and 20). Attention is also drawn to the general debate held by the Committee at its 2nd to 6th meetings, from 8 to 10 October (see A/C.2/62/SR.2-6). An account of the Committee's further consideration of the item will be provided in the addenda to the present report.

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3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

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Letter dated 8 October 2007 from the representative of Pakistan to the Secretary-General, transmitting the Ministerial Declaration adopted by the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Group of 77 and China at their thirty-first annual meeting, held at United Nations Headquarters on 27 September 2007 (A/62/488)

Letter dated 18 October 2007 from the representative of Pakistan to the Secretary-General, transmitting the final communiqué of the annual coordination meeting of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of States members of the Organization of the Islamic Conference, held at United Nations Headquarters on 2 October 2007 (A/62/507-S/2007/636)

Letter dated 5 October 2007 from the representative of Belgium to the Secretary-General (A/C.2/62/2)

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Report of the Secretary-General on the impact of international commitments, policies and processes on the scope and the implementation of national development strategies (A/62/303)

Letter dated 4 April 2007 from the representative of Spain to the Secretary-General (A/62/71-E/2007/46)

Letter dated 3 August 2007 from the representative of Benin to the Secretary-General (A/62/216)

Letter dated 17 October 2007 from the representative of Tajikistan to the Secretary-General, transmitting the Bishkek Declaration adopted on 16 August 2007 by the Council of Heads of State of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (A/62/492-S/2007/616)

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Report of the Secretary-General (A/62/136)

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Report of the Secretary-General (A/62/116)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption on its first session, held in Amman from 10 to 14 December 2006 (A/62/85)

4. At the 19th meeting, on 31 October, introductory statements were made by the Director of the Office for Economic and Social Council Support and Coordination

of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, the Director of the Division for Services Infrastructure for Development and Trade Efficiency of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and the Chief of the Crime Convention Section of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (see A/C.2/62/SR.19).

5. At the same meeting, a statement was made by the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (see A/C.2/62/SR.19).